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Re: PSC Docket No. 080179-SU; Application of North Fort Myers Utility, Inc. for Extension of Wastewater Service in Lee County

Dear Ms. Cole:

The Department of Community Affairs ("Department") has completed its review of the North Fort Myers Utility, Inc. application to the Florida Public Service Commission for an expansion of its wastewater service area in Lee County. The Department evaluated the proposed utility service extension for compliance with the Lee County Comprehensive Plan.

North Fort Myers Utility, Inc. has applied to the Public Service Commission to extend wastewater utilities in Lee County. This expansion to serve approximately 2,500 acres is inconsistent with the tenets of the Lee County Comprehensive Plan. Extending services to this low-density rural area is in conflict with the principles of the Lee County Comprehensive Plan that discourage urban sprawl. A Comprehensive Plan amendment may be necessary to allow for the development of sufficient densities to support the proposed wastewater services.

The Department has concern that the extension of wastewater utility service to the SR 31 and North River Road area is not consistent with the principles guiding development as established in the Lee County Comprehensive Plan. The applicant is encouraged to coordinate this request for territory expansion with the Lee County Planning Department.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne K. Lex, Community Planner, at (850)-922-0047.

Sincerely,

Mike McDaniel, Chief  
Office of Comprehensive Planning

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